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Mr. James Murdoch Chairman and Chief Executive The News Corporation 1211 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Murdoch:

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to you and your brother Lachlan for removing Bill O'Reilly from the Fox News Channel. I realize it was related to brave women coming forward to complain of sexual harassment charges, and I understand that the News Corp in no way has clean hands in this, having covered up those allegations over the years to the tune of \$13 million in hush money. My thanks are generated from more shallow reasons and much more personal: Namely, I could not abide the man and his arrogant demeanor.

My wife can testify as to how often I have yelled at my television screen during the O'Reilly Factor: **SHUT UP AND LET HIM SPEAK!**Bill O'Reilly's habit of interrupting his guests (with the apparent exception of Charles Krauthammer, who perhaps had made it clear he would not tolerate such disrespectful behavior?) makes him one of the more irritating hosts ever on national television.

Yes, I realize for years he has touted "Number 1 News Show on Cable TV" – and I cannot explain that, other than that time slot on Fox News is 'golden'. If you move a 'true' news show, such as Bret Baier's **Special Report**, or Martha McCallum into that time slot, it will be most interesting to witness if the audience will remain, or even grow. It will be most pleasant to watch the changes that follow today's announcement.

The only worse use of Bill O'Reilly is when you pressed him into acting as an anchor during a live crisis unfolding; he was obviously well out of his element.

There were only two segments of the O'Reilly Factor that merited my interest: Watters World, and Dennis Miller - neither of which was enhanced by O'Reilly. My wife liked to hear the Factor Memo and see the reaction of the guests - but not the constant harassment and

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interruptions. Thank you again for ending this man's narcissistic career with Fox News.

Sincerely,